



**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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James Klahr

Executive Director

April 6 2018

Harold Bengsch  
940 Boonville  
Springfield MO 65802

Re: 17-0075-I

Dear Mr. Bengsch:

The Missouri Ethics Commission previously considered the complaint filed against you in your capacity as Greene County Commissioner. The complaint alleged you authorized the use of taxpayer funds to advocate for a ½ cent sales tax increase which appeared on the November 7, 2017 ballot when materials relating to the ballot measure were published, circulated and distributed to the public. The complaint also alleged that, because the materials advocated, a non-committee expenditure report should have been filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission. Finally, the complaint alleged that materials did not comply with the "paid for by" requirements contained in section 130.031.8(3), RSMo.

After investigating the complaint, the Commission found reasonable grounds to support a "paid for by" violation of section 130.031.8, RSMo, and referred the matter to its Commission counsel. The Commission entered the consent order with Greene County on April 25, 2018 to resolve this violation. The consent order was signed by you, Bob Cirtin, and James Arnott on behalf of Greene County.

As the Commission has now entered the consent order to resolve this complaint, the Commission is dismissing the complaint against you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr", is positioned above the printed name.

James Klahr  
Executive Director